
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Robert Courtney, *Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Face masks are optional. Large-print Prayer Books are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube. Those seated in the front of the nave may briefly appear on camera. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Nursery for breakfast and the Good Shepherd Atrium for Christian Formation. They will join us in the cathedral at The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY - Nun komm der Heidan Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659.....Johann Sebastian Bach

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #76 - On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)*

Janet Hall

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

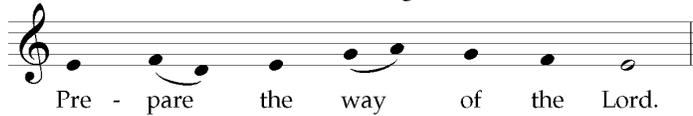
THE FIRST LESSON - Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL - Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David. [*Refrain*]

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant. [*Refrain*]

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. [*Refrain*]

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins. [*Refrain*]

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. [*Refrain*]

THE SECOND LESSON - Philippians 1:3-11

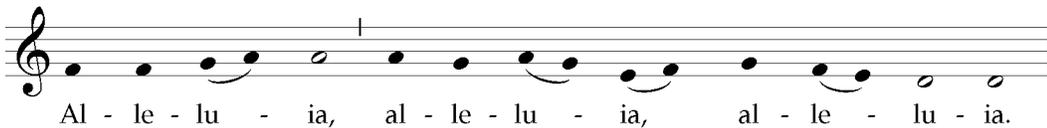
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, Page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

Prayer Book, Page 385

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

People, look East, The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen,
He for fledging time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the bird is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who commeth from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Besançon Carol Tune, Arranged by Philip Dietterich

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat.

ANTHEM

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight, It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.
The virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might, our God of endless might,
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (19th cent.)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

Please join in singing

HYMN #65 - Prepare the way, O Zion.....*Bereden väg för Herran*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #54 - Savior of the nations, come! *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY - Nun komm der Heidan Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 661 J.S. Bach

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall and the Bishop's garden for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana Commission for Racial Healing invites you to a brave space of learning and growth in order to faithfully engage in the work of healing and wholeness to which God is calling us. Based on the *Dismantling Racism* training offered through the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia, this training will “seek to increase racial healing and reconciliation.” This training is for all members of the church and is especially appropriate for clergy, church staff, and ministry leaders. On Saturday, December 11, the Commission for Racial Healing will host an in-person *Dismantling Racism Training* from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please register. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee required for this training. For further information or questions, please contact the Rev. Liz Emblar-Beazley at lembeaz@stpauls-lakeview.org.

Volunteer Opportunity - Our neighbors at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1823 Washington Ave) offer a free hot meal at noon every Wednesday and Saturday. They have invited us to join them in helping to serve this meal. The sign-up sheet to volunteer can be found on the website listed below. Helping out doesn't require any expertise with food prep, their chef can give any instructions that are necessary. You can see more about it, including a pdf that can be shared, here: <https://www.blcnola.org/communitytable>.

We extend a warm welcome to the clergy and people of St. Paul's Church as they recover from damage to their property during hurricane Ida.

Christian Formation

Children (ages 5 through 12) will gather Sunday mornings beginning at 9:55 am and return to their parents in church in time for communion. Getting to know Jesus through Bible stories, discussion, videos, and other activities.

High School and Middle School age Youth will gather on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service for time to build and strengthen their faith to face the challenges of their life through scripture study, insightful videos and sharing their understandings and fellowship.

Save the dates

- December 12 - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 4:00 PM
- December 17 - Lyrica Baroque Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM
- December 19 - Presentation on The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative by Nicole Barnes during Coffee Hour.
- December 24 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 5:00 PM; The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 9:00 PM
- December 25 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 AM

Winter Adult Education Program

Beginning in January, an hour-long adult education program will be offered in the Cathedral House on six Wednesday afternoons and the same course will be offered on a Saturday morning through mid-afternoon (with lunch).

The course is *From Jesus to Christ to the Church: Scripture and Patristic Literature in the Formation of the Christian Faith*. Although the course will be offered in person (with appropriate health precautions), efforts are being made to have it available to those who wish to participate in the course online. Although the suggested readings for the program will all be in the New Testament, reference will be made to early Christian writings—some accepted as important for the development of the orthodox Faith and others that were rejected by the Church as ‘heterodox’ and a danger to the true Faith. Although reading the entire New Testament will help participants understand the material best (it is suggested that reading Paul's Epistles will be most helpful—even more helpful than reading the Gospels—all of Paul's letters were written prior to Mark's Gospel!

More detailed information about schedule and the course outline will be available prior to the New Year.

- *The Reverend Canon Dr. David B. Lowry*

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:15 AM A Visit from Saint Nicholas

6:00 PM Real Presence

7:00 PM A Visit from Saint Nicholas

MONDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

6:00 PM Wedding

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